

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Thomas L. Kirsch II, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Young and Braun, Charles Edward Atchley, Jr., and Katherine A. Crytzer, both to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, both introduced by Senator Alexander, Joseph Dawson III, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, who was introduced by Senator Scott (SC), and Zachary N. Somers, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

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Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Shana M. Broussard, of Louisiana, Sean J. Cooksey, of Missouri, who was introduced by Senator Cruz, and Allen Dickerson, of the District of Columbia, each to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 8769–8780; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 1227 were introduced. **Pages H5931–32**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5932–33**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 631, for the relief of Arpita Kurdekar, Girish Kurdekar, and Vandana Kurdekar (H. Rept. 116–595);

H.R. 4225, for the relief of Maria Isabel Bueso Barrera, Alberto Bueso Mendoza, Karla Maria Barrera De Bueso, and Ana Lucia Bueso Barrera, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–596);

H.R. 7146, for the relief of Victoria Galindo Lopez (H. Rept. 116–597); and

H.R. 7572, for the relief of Median El-Moustrah (H. Rept. 116–598). **Page H5931**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5869**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:46 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H5874**

Decorum Statement: The Chair announced that under clause 2 of rule 1, as previously stated on July 29, 2020, the Chair is required to preserve order and decorum in the Chamber. The Chair advised that all Members should leave the Chamber promptly after casting their votes and that Members should avoid congregating in the rooms leading into the Chamber, including the Speaker's Lobby. The Chair issued

a reminder that the current practice of providing small groups of Members with a minimum of 5 minutes within to cast their votes would continue. After voting, Members must clear the Chamber to allow the next group a safe and sufficient opportunity to vote. The Chair stated that it is essential for the health and safety of Members, staff, and the U.S. Capitol Police to consistently practice social distancing, and to ensure that a safe capacity be maintained in the Chamber at all times. The Sergeant-at-Arms is directed to enforce this policy. The Chair stated that the announcement of July 29, 2020, regarding the wearing of masks in the Hall of the House remains in effect. Members and staff will not be permitted to enter the Hall of the House without wearing a mask. Masks will be available at entry points for any Member who forgets to bring one. The Chair also reaffirmed the Chair views the failure to wear a mask as a serious breach of decorum. **Page H5875**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Condemning acts by the People's Republic of China and the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region that violate fundamental rights and freedoms of Hong Kong residents as well as acts that undermine Hong Kong's high degree of autonomy: H. Res. 1033, amended, condemning acts by the People's Republic of China and the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region that violate fundamental rights and freedoms of Hong Kong residents as well as acts

that undermine Hong Kong's high degree of autonomy;
Pages H5877–78

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Condemning acts by the People's Republic of China and the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region that violate fundamental rights and freedoms of Hong Kong residents as well as acts that undermine Hong Kong's high degree of autonomy.";
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Recognizing the significance of the genuine autonomy of Tibet and the Tibetan people and the work His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama has done to promote global peace, harmony, and understanding: H. Res. 697, amended, recognizing the significance of the genuine autonomy of Tibet and the Tibetan people and the work His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama has done to promote global peace, harmony, and understanding;
Pages H5878–80

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Affirming the significance of the advocacy for genuine autonomy for Tibetans in the People's Republic of China and the work His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama has done to promote global peace, harmony, and understanding.";
Page H5880

Securing America From Epidemics Act: H.R. 6334, amended, to authorize United States participation in the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations;
Pages H5880–82

Reaffirming the vital role of the United States-Japan alliance in promoting peace, stability, and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region and beyond: H. Res. 349, amended, reaffirming the vital role of the United States-Japan alliance in promoting peace, stability, and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region and beyond;
Pages H5882–83

Expressing the importance of the United States alliance with the Republic of Korea and the contributions of Korean Americans in the United States: H. Res. 809, amended, expressing the importance of the United States alliance with the Republic of Korea and the contributions of Korean Americans in the United States;
Pages H5883–84

Recognizing the 70th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean war and the transformation of the United States-Korea alliance into a mutually beneficial, global partnership: H. Res. 1012, amended, recognizing the 70th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean war and the transformation of the United States-Korea alliance into a mutually beneficial, global partnership;
Pages H5884–86

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Recognizing the historic transformation of the United

States-Republic of Korea alliance since the Korean War into a mutually beneficial, global partnership.";
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Libya Stabilization Act: H.R. 4644, amended, to clarify United States policy toward Libya, advance a diplomatic solution to the conflict in Libya, and support the people of Libya;
Pages H5886–92

Affirming the nature and importance of the United States-Iraq bilateral relationship, including security and economic components of the relationship: H. Res. 1062, amended, affirming the nature and importance of the United States-Iraq bilateral relationship, including security and economic components of the relationship;
Pages H5892–93

Fighting Emerging Narcotics Through Additional Nations to Yield Lasting Results Act: H.R. 7990, amended, to prioritize efforts of the Department of State to combat international trafficking in covered synthetic drugs and new psychoactive substances;
Pages H5893–95

East Africa Locust Eradication Act: H.R. 7276, amended, to establish an interagency working group to develop a comprehensive, strategic plan to eradicate locust outbreaks in the East Africa region and address future outbreaks in order to avert mass scale food insecurity and potential political destabilization;
Pages H5895–97

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To establish an interagency working group to develop a comprehensive, strategic plan to control locust outbreaks in the East Africa region and address future outbreaks in order to avert mass scale food insecurity and potential political destabilization, and for other purposes.";
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Haiti Development, Accountability, and Institutional Transparency Initiative Act: H.R. 5586, amended, to measure the progress of recovery and development efforts in Haiti and the strength of democracy and rule of law in the country;
Pages H5897–H5900

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To measure the progress of recovery and efforts to address corruption, rule of law, and media freedoms in Haiti.";
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Caribbean Basin Security Initiative Authorization Act: H.R. 7703, amended, to authorize appropriations for the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative, enhance the United States-Caribbean security partnership, prioritize disaster resilience;
Pages H5900–02

Expressing support of the Three Seas Initiative in its efforts to increase energy independence and infrastructure connectivity thereby strengthening the United States and European national security: H. Res. 672, amended, expressing support of the

Three Seas Initiative in its efforts to increase energy independence and infrastructure connectivity thereby strengthening the United States and European national security;
Pages H5902–04

Condemning the poisoning of Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny and calling for a robust United States and international response: H. Res. 1145, amended, condemning the poisoning of Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny and calling for a robust United States and international response;
Pages H5904–07

Prohibiting Russian participation in the G7: H.R. 8259, amended, to prohibit Russian participation in the G7;
Pages H5907–09

Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the entry into force of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), recognizing the importance of the NPT's continued contributions to United States and international security, and commemorating United States leadership in strengthening the nuclear nonproliferation regime since the dawn of the nuclear era: H. Res. 825, amended, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the entry into force of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), recognizing the importance of the NPT's continued contributions to United States and international security, and commemorating United States leadership in strengthening the nuclear nonproliferation regime since the dawn of the nuclear era;
Pages H5909–11

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Urging the United States to continue to be a leader in supporting the Treaty on the Nonproliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) and the global nonproliferation regime to reap the benefits the NPT and such regime bring to United States and international security.”;
Pages H5910–11

Partnering and Leveraging Assistance to Stop Trash for International Cleaner Seas Act: H.R. 4636, amended, to authorize the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to prioritize and advance efforts to improve waste management systems and prevent and reduce plastic waste and marine debris;
Pages H5911–13

American Values and Security in International Athletics Act: H.R. 8405, to direct the Department of State to ensure persons representing the United States in international athletic competitions in certain countries are appropriately informed;
Pages H5913–15

Belarus Democracy, Human Rights, and Sovereignty Act of 2020: H.R. 8438, amended, to reauthorize the Belarus Democracy Act of 2004;
Pages H5915–20

Ukraine Religious Freedom Support Act: H.R. 5408, amended, to oppose violations of religious freedom in Ukraine by Russia and armed groups commanded by Russia;
Pages H5920–21

Amending the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to authorize rewards under the Department of State's rewards program relating to information regarding individuals or entities engaged in activities in contravention of United States or United Nations sanctions: H.R. 4802, to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to authorize rewards under the Department of State's rewards program relating to information regarding individuals or entities engaged in activities in contravention of United States or United Nations sanctions; and
Pages H5921–22

Tropical Forest and Coral Reef Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2020: H.R. 7954, to reauthorize the Tropical Forest and Coral Reef Conservation Act of 1998.
Pages H5922–23

Recess: The House recessed at 4:03 p.m. and reconvened at 5:01 p.m.
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National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021—Motion to go to Conference: The House agreed by unanimous consent to take from the Speakers table the bill H.R. 6395, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2021 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year and ask for its immediate consideration in the House; disagree to the Senate amendment and request a conference with the Senate thereon.
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Agreed to the Smith (WA) motion to close portions of the conference by a yea-and-nay vote of 396 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 222.
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The Chair appointed the following conferees: From the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Smith of Washington, Davis of California, Langevin, Larsen of Washington, Cooper, Courtney, Garamendi, Speier, Norcross, Gallego, Moulton, Carbajal, Brown of Maryland, Khanna, Keating, Vela, Kim, Kendra S. Horn of Oklahoma, Cisneros, Thornberry, Wilson of South Carolina, Turner, Rogers of Alabama, Lamborn, Wittman, Hartzler, Austin Scott of Georgia, Stefanik, Kelly of Mississippi, Gallagher, Bacon, and Banks. **Page H5925**

From the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for consideration of matters within the jurisdiction of that committee under clause 11 of rule 10: Representatives Schiff, Sewell of Alabama, and Nunes.

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From the Committee on Agriculture, for consideration of secs. 3601 and 3602 of the House bill, and sec. 1053 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Peterson, Spanberger, and Conaway.

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From the Committee on the Budget, for consideration of secs. 1002 and 8003 of the House bill, and secs. 4, 126, and 1086 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Morelle, Horsford, and Stewart.

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From the Committee on Education and Labor, for consideration of secs. 212, 279, 569, 570, 1110, 1791, 1797, 1833, and 1834 of the House bill, and secs. 516, 561–63, 565, 566, 1090, 5211, 6047, 6091, and 6615 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Scott of Virginia, Trahan, and Guthrie.

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From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of secs. 223, 229, 332, 335, 535, 540H, 601, 705, 736, 1299N–2, 1641, 1760, 1761, 1772, 1793, 1821, 1823, 1824, 2835, 3201, 3511, 3601, 5101–04, 5109, 10306, and 11206 of the House bill, and secs. 311, 319, 703, 1053, 1091, 1092, 1094, 1098, 1099, 2841, 3121, 3125, 3131, 3132, 5239, 6082–84, subtitle I of title 60 of division E, secs. 6299F, 6614, 6704, and 6706 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Pallone, DeGette, and Walden.

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From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of secs. 902, 1248, 1249, 1299 R–9, 1768, 1776, 1779, 1790, 1792, 1798, 1803, 1808, 1812, subtitles H and I of title 17 of division A, and divisions G, J, K, and M of the House bill, and secs. 1706–10 and 6231 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Waters, Vargas, and Luetkemeyer.

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From the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for consideration of secs. 213, 843, subtitle C of title 11 of division A, secs. 1202, 1203, 1207, 1221–24, 1231–33, 1238, 1248, 1249, 1251, 1260D, 1260E, 1261, 1266, 1272–74, 1276, 1280, 1286, 1290–92, 1294, 1296, 1299, 1299B, 1299G, 1299H, 1299K, subtitles H–K of title 12 of division A, secs. 1299Q–1, 1299Q–2, subtitle M of title 12 of division A, secs. 1299T–4, 1299T–5, 1521, 1640F, 1659, 1757, 1759, 1823, and division I of the House bill, and secs. 1201–03, 1205–07, 1210,

1213, subtitle C of title 12 of division A, secs. 1231–33, 1236, 1240, 1241, 1251, 1253–56, 1263, 1281, 1283, 1286, 1287, subtitle H of title 12 of division A, subtitle C of title 15 of division A, sec. 1661, title 17 of division A, secs. 6231, 6251, 6284, 6286, 6293–96, 6299, 6299A, 6299B, 6299D, and 6299 F of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Engel, Sherman, and McCaul.

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From the Committee on Homeland Security, for consideration of secs. 1630, 1631, 1637, 1640A, 1640D, 1640F, 1760, 1784, 1793, 1804, and 9508 of the House bill, and secs. 6088, 6096D, 6613, and 6614 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Torres Small of New Mexico, Slotkin, and Green of Tennessee.

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From the Committee on House Administration, for consideration of secs. 536, 1101, and 1751 of the House bill, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Lofgren, Fudge, and Rodney Davis of Illinois.

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From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of secs. 281, 540D, 814, 1055, 1215, 1299O–6, 1299T–4, 1299T–5, 1640A, 1731, 1733, 1762, and 1763 of the House bill, and secs. 1296 and 6088 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Nadler, Mucarsel-Powell, and Steube.

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From the Committee on Natural Resources, for consideration of secs. 601, 626, 627, 17 44, 1794, 1795, 2834–36, subtitle E of title 28 of division B, and divisions O and P of the House bill, and secs. 315, 2861–63, 2887, 6081, and 7861 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Grijalva, Haaland, and Bishop of Utah.

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From the Committee on Oversight and Reform, for consideration of secs. 373, 813, 815, 825, 830B, 833, 848, 1101, 1102, 1104, 1105, 1108, 1111, 1114, 1115, subtitles B and C of title 11 of division A, secs. 1635, 1639, 1640C, subtitle B of title 17 of division A, secs. 1744, 1745, 1769, 1770, 1774, 1793, 1808, 9208, and 11410 of the House bill, and secs. 631, 1103–06, 1109–13, 5244, 6047, and 9306 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Carolyn B. Maloney of New York, Lynch, and Comer.

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From the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for consideration of sec. 229, subtitle D of title 2 of division A, secs. 327, 333, 341, 1744, 1771, 1806, 1807, 1821, 1824, 1825, division E, secs. 5502 and 10104 of the House bill, and secs. 318, 1098, 1099, subtitle C of title 52 of division

E, secs. 5231–38, and 6087 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Johnson of Texas, Sherrill, and Garcia of California. **Page H5925**

From the Committee on Small Business, for consideration of secs. 831–33, 835–40, 840A, 841, 844, and 1633 of the House bill, and secs. 871, 872, 1642, 5871–75, and 5877 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Velazquez, Golden, and Chabot. **Page H5925**

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of secs. 311, 312, 332, 560G, 601, 829, 8308, 912, 1101, 1732, 1750, 1760, 1768, 1809, 3501, 3504, 3505, 3507–09, 3510C, 3510D, 5103, and division H of the House bill, and secs. 178, 1087, 1635, 3501, 5237, 5246, 6089, and subtitle I of title 60 of division E of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Huffman, Rouda, and Gibbs. **Page H5925**

From the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for consideration of secs. 525, 534, 535, 540A, 5408, 540C, 540E, 540H, 546, 551–53, 560B, 560E, 560F, 560G, 560H, 718, 724, 731, 734, 750H, 752–54, 760, 831, 1101, 1411, 1764, 1790, 1802, and 5502 of the House bill, and secs. 741, 744, 753, 762–64, 935, 1089, 1090A, 10908, 1421, and 6085 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Takano, Lamb, and Bilirakis. **Page H5925**

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of secs. 1276, 7103, and 7104 of the House bill, and sec. 6003 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Neal, Panetta, and Wenstrup. **Page H5925**

Senate Referrals: S. 4902 was held at the desk. S. 2216 was held at the desk. **Pages H5923–24**

Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H5923–24.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on page H5924.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

KARSHI-KHANABAD: HONORING THE HEROES OF CAMP STRONGHOLD FREEDOM

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing entitled “Karshi-Khanabad: Honoring the Heroes of Camp Stronghold Freedom”. Testimony was heard from Patricia

R. Hastings, Chief Consultant, Post Deployment Health Services, Department of Veterans Affairs; and David J. Smith, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Readiness, Policy and Oversight, Department of Defense.

EXAMINING THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD'S ROLE IN ENSURING A ROBUST PASSENGER RAIL SYSTEM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled “Examining the Surface Transportation Board's Role in Ensuring a Robust Passenger Rail System”. Testimony was heard from Ann D. Begeman, Chairman, Surface Transportation Board; Martin J. Oberman, Vice Chairman, Surface Transportation Board; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Senate Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a closed pass-the-gavel/general provisions panel meeting with the House Committee on Armed Services to examine H.R. 6395, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2021 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2020

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Foreign Relations: to receive a closed briefing on United Arab Emirates arms sales, 11 a.m., SVC–217.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine an essential part of a COVID–19 solution, focusing on an early at home treatment, 9 a.m., SD–342/WEBEX.

House

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing, Community Development, and Insurance, hearing entitled “Insuring Against a Pandemic: Challenges and Solutions for Policyholders and Insurers”, 10 a.m., Webex.